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WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE Williamsburg, James City County, Virginia

Owner: State of Virginia

Date of erection: 1695 et seq.

Architect: Attributed to Sir Christopher Wren through a reference in Hugh Jones' Present State of Virginia, London, 1724. The attribution has not been otherwise verified.

Present condition: Restored

Description:

Brick, English bond; two stories; hipped roof; 13 bays; center bay projected in pavilion, crowned by high pediment received against roof; gable dormers on roof; ridge chimneys and hexagonal center cupola. Rear has two wings, containing to the north the great hall, to the south the chapel, with arched doors and circular windows in the west walls; five tall arched windows in side walls. Rear of main building has arched loggia below two full stories.

Additional data:

The building burned several times and was restored 1927-31.

Other existing records:

Swem's Index of Virginia History
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